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Two men indicted in arms export conspiracy

DETROIT — Two men, from Indonesia and Singapore, were arrested in Hawaii on Sunday and charged here with conspiracy to violate the Arms Export Control Act and money laundering. These arrests and charges resulted from an investigation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Department of Defense Criminal Investigative Service.

The indictment, unsealed Monday in federal district court in Detroit, alleges that the two men were attempting to purchase and illegally export more than \$500,000 worth of military equipment.

The defendants, Hadiano Djoko Djuliarso, 41, of Indonesia, and Ibrahim bin Amran, 46, of Singapore, were arrested April 9 in the District of Hawaii pending their removal to the Eastern District of Michigan.

The indictment charges Djuliarso and Amran with attempting to purchase and illegally export more than \$500,000 worth of military equipment, specifically, parts used in radar and guidance systems on military aircraft. They also took steps to purchase and illegally export more than \$1 million worth of machine guns, sniper rifles and other weapons.

U.S. law, including the Arms Export Control Act, imposes strict controls on exporting any such items. Djuliarso and Amran are charged with attempting to violate those laws by, among other means, paying a U.S.-based company to ship the items without the necessary licenses and having them shipped to a front company based in Singapore, when the items were in fact destined for another country.

Prior to their arrest, Djuliarso and Amran had already transferred more than \$455,000 from Asia to the United States to pay to purchase and ship the military equipment. ICE and Department of Defense agents seized all that money.

“The phrase ‘border security’ means more than just holding the line against people and things that shouldn’t get into the United States. Equally important is what goes out,” said Brian M. Moskowitz, special agent in charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Detroit. “Guarding against the illegal export of America’s controlled arms and critical technology is a vital component of ICE’s strategy to protect our national security interests in a global economy.”

“Attempts to violate our country’s laws regarding the export of military equipment and armaments constitute serious and grave threats to our collective security,” said U.S. Attorney Murphy. “The agencies in this case deserve high commendation for their swift and steady response to this matter, which has resulted in the arrest of these two individuals and the seizure of more than \$440,000 in funds.” Murphy added, “Owing to the outstanding criminal investigation, no equipment or weapons were allowed to leave the United States.”

Department of Defense Special Agent in Charge Richard D. Zott added, “Defense Criminal Investigative Service, along with its other federal partners in the law enforcement community, aggressively pursues all allegations related to the illegal transfer or proliferation of sensitive Department of Defense technology.”

The charges carry total penalties of up to 25 years in prison and fines of more than \$1 million for each defendant. Additional hearings will be scheduled once the defendants are transported from Hawaii to Detroit.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. The defendants are entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government’s burden to prove them guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Special agents of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Department of Defense’s Criminal Investigative Service investigated this case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce Judge is prosecuting the case.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.